

to the existing lists. If new lists were to be prepared it would involve the expenditure of a substantial sum by this Government. As honourable gentlemen are aware, under the legislation which was passed at last Session or the Session before, the expenditure in taking a plebiscite in the different provinces of Canada under the Canada Temperance Act falls upon the Federal Government. It is felt that the difficulty which was pointed out can be obviated by the amendments that are now before us, their object being, as I have said, to add to the list the names of those who would be entitled to vote. I would therefore ask, honourable gentlemen, notwithstanding the fact that we have not yet disposed of the Address, that this Bill be now read the second time. When it is read the second time, I am going to ask the House to permit of the third reading, so that it may be sent down to the House of Commons. The Government is prepared, I understand, to postpone, if necessary, the debate on the Address in the House of Commons, in order to permit of the passage of this Bill. When it has passed the House of Commons, the Senate cannot adjourn as it usually does until the Royal assent is given to the Bill. With a view to bringing about an early adjournment of the Senate—for we shall not have business to occupy our time—I would ask the House to permit me to accelerate the passage of this Bill.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Honourable gentlemen, I was not aware that my honourable friend intended to deal with this matter this afternoon. We have listened to his explanation with a good deal of interest. But this procedure is all new to us. Since I have been in this Chamber, we have never, so far as I know, taken action of this kind. I infer from the remarks of my honourable friend that he apparently intended to have the committee stage of the Bill omitted.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Well, I will move the House into committee if that is necessary.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I have not myself really had time to examine the Bill and do not know that I am in a position to say much about it; but if any other honourable gentleman wants to discuss the matter, I think the Bill should certainly be put into committee.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I have no desire to ask the House to deal with the

Bill without being thoroughly satisfied that it is a measure that ought to be passed. But I move the second reading this afternoon, and before the Address is proceeded with to-morrow, in order that we may be able to send this Bill down to the House of Commons before we rise, I shall ask that it be dealt with in its final stages then.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Cannot the honourable gentleman move that we go into committee on the Bill now? Then we can consider it.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Before that is done, I desire to ask my honourable friend (Hon. Sir James Lougheed) who prepared this Bill. Is it prepared by the Government here, or is it a Bill prepared by the Ontario Government and submitted to the Dominion Government?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It is prepared by the Government.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: This Government?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Oh, yes; it is a Government Bill. It has, I understand, been prepared by the present Minister of Militia, who is Acting Solicitor General, and I understand has been submitted to the Province of Ontario as meeting the conditions which it purports to deal with.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Of course, I quite understand it is a Government Bill, otherwise my honourable friend would not be handling it. But my question is whether or not the Bill is one which has been prepared by the Ontario Government and forwarded to the Minister of Justice here, with the request that it be submitted to the Federal Parliament. That is what I want to know.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I cannot speak positively on that point. I was under the impression that it was specially prepared by the Acting Solicitor General, and that the province of Ontario had passed upon it. I will not speak with any definiteness upon that except to say that I understand both Governments are fully cognizant of the contents of the Bill and are satisfied that it will meet the situation we have to provide for.

Hon. Mr. PROUDFOOT: There is one question I should like to ask in connection with the Bill. Subsection b says:

The said lists shall, subject to section 63 of this Act, be used in rural polling divisions without revision, but in urban polling divisions